UASDÁTÚ / UPDATE

We thank you for your patience as we work hard to bring Irish medium education to Derry’s Waterside area.

Having applied our criteria, we have allocated all places but are putting a waiting list together, should a space become available.

We are in the process of registering as a pre-school provider with WHSCT and we have secured funding for building works / modifications to the building. The plans for a pre-school building on Na Piarsaigh GAA pitch is with Derry City and Strabane Council Planners and the lease is being agreed with local council also. We anticipate that this may be longer than expected, and so we are working on an alternate location within Top of The Hill, Waterside in the interim as we await the necessary paperwork needed for works to commence on the pitch. The temporary location will be in an approved building with all the necessary adaptions and play space deemed necessary by WHSCT.

The long-term plan is to have the Naíscoil on Na Piarsaigh GAA pitch on Corrody Road.

Currently, we have secured funding for 3 staff members: a pre-school supervisor, a deputy supervisor, and a pre-school assistant. These posts will be advertised in June, with a view to carry our background checks and interviews in July and for posts to commence end of August.

We anticipate that the staff will need the month of September to ensure the Naíscoil is ready. The plan will be to host visits for the children to the setting at the end of September, with a view to starting in October. The children will complete a 6 week settling-in period, as is the practice in all pre-school settings to help them adapt and eventually thrive at Naíscoil an Phiarsaigh.

The Naíscoil will operate for 3 hours daily, once all children have completed the 6 week settling-in period. When your child attends for their initial visit in September, parents will be given a calendar with important dates and holidays. There will be a £5 per week cost for daily snacks (toast, fruit and milk). The uniform will be available to purchase from Select Kidz, Waterside in Jul/Aug. It will consist of a green sweatshirt with logo, a red polo shirt, and plain black jogging bottoms/leggings.

Our draft child protection and safeguarding policy is available to download from the Naíscoil section on the Na Piarsaigh Doire Trasna website [www.doiretrasna.derry.gaa.ie](http://www.doiretrasna.derry.gaa.ie). This will be edited in September to reflect appointed staff members.

All other policies and important documents relating to the Naíscoil will be available to download from this site in the future.

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Naíscoil committee.

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